

Today's
Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [649]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"SOCOTRA,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Madras, *ex S.S. Secundra*.
Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [5]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufacturers.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379a]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.
Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [400]

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Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

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CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

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MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED
WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock—

PURE AERATED WATER,
SODA WATER,
LEMONADE,
POTASH WATER,
SELTZER WATER,
LITHIA WATER,
SARSAPARILLA WATER,
TONIC WATER,
GINGER ALE,
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., L.D.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. [6]

MARRIAGE.

On the 7th instant, at St. George's, Penang, by the Rev. L. C. Biggs, M.A., Colonial Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Henham, ALFRED HOUSTON CAPPER, Straits Settlements Civil Service, eldest son of the late Adam Clarke, Capper of Portadown, Ireland, to LOUISE CONSTANCE ADLAIDE, daughter of the late Philip Jones, Assistant Treasurer, and Mrs. Jones Rannymede, Penang.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1897.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

STATEMENT BY M. DELYANNIS.
LONDON, April 19th.
M. Delyannis stated in the Chamber that Turkey had declared war against Greece, and that Greece accepted the challenge.

PROTECTION FOR THE TURKS.
The German Minister at Athens will protect the Turkish residents.

PREVEZA DESTROYED.

The Greek fleet has laid Preveza in ruins and abandoned the batteries.

DESPERATE FIGHTING ON THE FRONTIER.

The Turks are masters of the Malana Pass and have carried the Greek blockhouses at the point of the bayonet after severe fighting lasting for thirty hours and extending over many miles of frontier. Twenty thousand troops were engaged.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CATTLE plague is still raving in Siam.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$9.81 per £.

The Russo-Chinese Bank has opened a branch in Moscow.

HARVESTON'S Circus opened at Penang on the 13th instant.

The death is announced of Dr. Plunket, the Archbishop of Dublin.

A SHOCK of earthquake was felt at 3.04 o'clock this morning at Bollsno.

The French mail liner *Yarra* is due at daylight on Saturday, from Saigon.

CABLE communication with Tonkin and Annam is interrupted by both routes.

THE American mail liner *Penn* left Shanghai at 11 o'clock last night and is due here about noon on Friday, the 23rd inst.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended April 18th are:—Europeans, 200; Chinese, 1,840; total 2,040.

THE *Scotia*, the latest addition to the P. & O. Co.'s squad of big cargo-carriers, arrived from Bombay this morning on her maiden voyage to the Far East.

In their *Weekly Share List* issued at 5 p.m. to-day, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state that the market has ruled fairly active during the past week.

THE foreign instructors now employed in the Higher Commercial School, Tokio, are one British, one American, two Chinese and one Korean. According to the scheme for the extension of the institution, one Russian, one French, and one German will be engaged in July next.

A BOY at the "Vic" summoned a European named Mercer at the Magistrate's to-day for assault. It appears that while being served with dinner by the complainant, he struck the waiter in the face with his hand, drawing blood from his nose. A fine of \$10 with \$5 compensation was inflicted.

CYCLISTS who are in want of a good lubricant which will not clog will find that equal parts of kerosine and salad oil, well shaken up together, will answer their purpose. This mixture will also be found useful for sewing machines, and the ingredients are cheap and easily obtainable—no slight recommendation in this part of the world.

IT is, says the Straits *Free Press*, rather curious to see that the Hongkong Volunteers have, perhaps as an echo of the Singapore motto, "In Oriente Primum" adopted the motto "Nulli Secundus in Oriente." Have they laid aside or forgotten their own old historical motto? That of the Canton Volunteers (1865). "*Coelum non animum mutas*," with the "Dragon" badge.

THE Comptroller of Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Co., residing at 18, D'Aguiar Street, was needlessly summoned at the Magistrate's to-day for wasting water. Mr. J. Hastings appeared for the defence. The evidence was very deficient, and Mr. Wodehouse in dismissing the case said that if the police thought that any offence was committed they should take more pains to get evidence to support their charge.

SHOULD some enterprising firm of bicycle makers send out a shipment of the new wooden rim machines, to many people it will be interesting to note the effect of the Hongkong climate upon them. Tennis players know to their cost how disastrous the damp is to the frame of a racket and we very much doubt if the wooden rims will stand it any better than the tennis bats. A cyclist riding a warped wheel will be a curious sight, but one that we may soon see if the new wooden wheels are introduced.

THE calendar for this month's Criminal Sessions is a particularly light one, only one case figuring on the sheet. It is that of Li Peng and Wo Chuk Sum, who are jointly charged with uttering a forged writing purporting to be a letter. The case arose out of a civil action heard recently and it was called on yesterday, but on the application of Mr. Robinson, for the prosecution, an adjournment was granted till Thursday by his Lordship the Chief Justice. The accused are defended by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. W. K. Mooney.

MAJOR-GENERAL BLACK last evening entertained at dinner the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane at Headquarters House. There were some 50 ladies and gentlemen present, the water services being well represented. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the piping of Inspector McEwen and Sergeant Pickford, of the N. V. Police. These performers played a number of appropriate highland airs during the evening, among the selection being "McGregor's Gathering" and the Marquis, who is a Scotchman, expressed the warmest pleasure at hearing stirring Caledonian music so ably played in the Far East.

WE regret to announce that Mr. W. E. Hunt, United States Consul, met with a somewhat serious accident yesterday afternoon while riding on Pokfulam Road, necessitating his immediate removal to the Civil Hospital and his detention there until about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

It appears from what a representative of the *Telegraph* has been able to gather from Mr. Hunt's eldest son, who has been acting as *Chargé d'Affaires* during his father's brief absence, that the Consul was taking a ride yesterday on an Australian horse along Pokfulam Road and that when about half a mile beyond Belcher's Fort the horse took fright at some baskets of clothing which some native *dhobies* were carrying in to town. The animal shied and then bucked, throwing Mr. Hunt who fell heavily on some rough stones by the roadside, cut his face, and received a severe shock to the nervous system. Fortunately a friend of the Consul, Mr. Banister, happened along just in time to witness the whole affair and he placed the injured gentleman in his chair and escorted him to the Civil Hospital where his injuries, which we are glad to hear, were happily not of a very serious nature, were promptly attended to and with so much success that he was able to return to the United States Consulate this evening in a sedan chair. We join heartily with the Consul's many friends in congratulating him on the partial recovery of his woe-begone health and strength and in the hope that in a few days he will be able to resume the duties of his important office.

At a large Relief Works Camp in the Panjab considerable inconvenience has been experienced each evening by the mothers of some 800 babies having to sort them out on their return from work. The difficulty has now been surmounted, however, by ticketing the youngsters like coats and umbrellas in a cloak room. What would be the result of some practical joker shifting the tickets it is hard to imagine!

GREAT preparations for a first class theatrical performance are being pushed forward by the Chinese at Yau-mat for the celebration of the festival of Tien Hen, Queen of Heaven, the goddess of sailors, which falls on Saturday, the 24th instant. The large bamboo structure intended for the theatre is well worthy of a visit and is an interesting exhibition of what can be done with bamboo. The building is about a hundred feet in height, the Chinese apparently considering plenty of head room necessary, and viewed from a distance reminds one strongly of an immense haystack.

MRS. OLIVER, the holder of a publican's license for the Travellers' Hotel, was charged at the Magistrate's this morning with selling liquor during prohibited hours. It appears that the lawful time is from 6 a.m. to midnight, but at 5.45 this morning some bluejackets were seen drinking and paying for the liquor. The defence was that a few bluejackets went to the hotel early this morning and asked to be obliged with a drink as the *Alacrity* was leaving early. As the hotel bore a good reputation and this was the licensee's first offence Mr. Wodehouse inflicted a fine of \$15.

FINES are by no means a pleasant subject, but being a stern, or rather an irritating reality at this time of the year when they invade the godowns, and occasionally houses and offices, the following method of getting rid of them may be found useful. To a bucketful of boiling water add a cupful of Jeyes' fluid or strong carbolic and apply the mixture while still hot to the walls and floors, taking care that all cracks and corners receive their full share. The place can then be washed down in the ordinary way. One application is usually sufficient to eradicate the pests and a little Jeyes' fluid sprinkled about occasionally will serve to prevent their return.

THE last two days have really given some promise of summer, though it is perhaps a little early to congratulate ourselves upon the fact. After having been treated to so many samples of weather of late we are growing a trifle mistrustful of appearances and inclined to don a mackintosh when the sun shines and *vice versa*. The swallows, and indeed the birds generally, however, have no doubt at all of the ultimate arrival of the heat, if it is safe to judge by the diligent way in which they are starting to build, and the heron-like blossoms on the hill-sides, and that even the we-tires, the sluggish of the vegetable world, has waked from its winter sleep and robed itself in delicate green.

Why do not the Odd Volumes Society revive their Saturday afternoon excursions? In 1894 launch excursions were made about once a fortnight to different places of interest and proved most enjoyable. *Stimulus* *et cetera*, could be organised during the coming summer and would give people a chance of seeing a deal more of Hongkong and of the surrounding country than they could otherwise do. We believe that a subscription of \$2.50 from twenty members sufficed for no less than four trips. Probably all that is needed for the revival of these pleasant excursions is some energetic member prepared to take the matter in hand and manage the affair. Mr. Huntley might undertake the task under the auspices of the Society. He is intimately acquainted with all the localities worth a visit and is a capable organiser.

OUR local photographers seem to have become fixed in one groove from which it is impossible to deviate. In looking over their collections of photographs of Hongkong and neighbourhood the views of each are seen to be repetitions of those of the others. The photos show a rickshaw, a chair, a Chinese barber at work, a view of Queen's Road, a temple, and so on. None of them seems to have hit upon the idea of wandering far afield in search of interesting subjects. For instance, we have never seen a photograph of the inscribed rocks at Kowloon or of the method of ploughing the paddy fields, or of a thousand and one other sights and things which would be of interest to the globe-trotter and very possibly to the resident as well. Until one looks about a bit one can have no idea of the many pretty spots and sights suitable for the subject of a photograph.

A GOOD deal of dissatisfaction is expressed from time to time by capitalists of ships in this port regarding the condition of their men who go ashore in the Mission launch *Daylighting* ostensibly to attend divine service at St. Peter's Church. In several cases of late it is said that men have gone off to church in the launch and have turned up after a long absence very much under the influence of West End beverages. Others, again, have not returned to their ships for several days and consequently a good deal of annoyance is caused thereby. As the matter stands at present it is hard to see a way out of the difficulty. A Captain cannot very well stop a reasonable number of members of his crew going ashore, all in the loc's being on an equality, but it would be very hard that the more respectable members of crews should have to suffer through the misdeeds of a few "black sheep" that happen to be in their midst. Perhaps those in charge of the church parties on the launch might be doing well to see that they try the expedient of taking the names of those who come ashore to church and then refuse to bring ashore in future any who failed to return to their ships, by the launch, in due course, due notice of the new rule being given by a notice posted up on board the *Daylighting*. If any objection be raised by the seamen to some such rule being enforced it may be contended, and rightly contended, that Jack has only himself to thank for it.

THE Captain of the Australian steamer *Warrior* reports having picked up a bottle at sea containing a message saying that the ship *Mohawk* had sprung a leak and the crew were taking to the boats. This is the first news received of the vessel, which was posted at Lloyd's as "missing" fully sixteen years ago.

On the 12th inst. an accident occurred in the Nanking Road, Shanghai, which had a rather serious termination. Mr. Thomas Kingsmill was driving up from the Bund, and when near Messrs. Weeks & Co. the pony turned aside, owing to a rickshaw coiled trundling his vehicle between Mr. Kingsmill's gig and a brougham; the consequence was the gig was overturned, pitching Mr. Kingsmill out into the road and giving him a very considerable shaking up. The gig was righted and the pony resumed his journey home, but when near Fukien Road the animal staggered and dropped down dead.—*Mercury*.

AMONG the rocks round the coasts of the island immense sea anemones are to be found far surpassing in size any of those met with in Europe. One of these interesting organisms, which was obtained yesterday at Lal-chi-kok, measured fifteen inches across and had tentacles half an inch in diameter. Unfortunately richness of colour does not appear to increase with bulk, the creature in question being of a rather sickly yellow hue, with bands of pale purple on the tentacles.—It is a pity that we have no aquarium in Hongkong where some of these giant sea anemones could be kept on exhibition for the instruction and amusement of our numerous young people and visitors.

THE Emperor William and his brother, Prince Henry, arrived at Wilhelmshaven on 4th March, and were enthusiastically received by the people. His Majesty and the Prince immediately proceeded to the drill shed to attend the ceremony of swearing in the naval recruits. His Majesty, in addressing the recruits, referred to the sinking of the German warship *Blitz*. The account of the heroic death of the crew had filled his heart with joy, and he considered the act was equal to a victorious battle. The heroic bearing of the crew of the *Blitz*, which had called forth the admiration of the whole world, did honour to the entire Navy. His Majesty concluded by exhorting the recruits to emulate the conduct of the men of the *Blitz*.

WE would warn those of our readers who cultivate violets to keep an eye upon their plants, as about this time of the year they are usually attacked by a red and black caterpillar which does considerable damage, frequently destroying the whole of the leaves of a plant. A pair of sharp eyes and a little patience are the best remedies for this state of things, as the only way to keep clear of the pest is to look over the plant at short intervals and destroy any caterpillars that may have taken up their abode therein. If you are not of such a blood-thirsty nature, however, transfer all the caterpillars to one or two old plants and watch events, as the butterfly that results from the destruction of your plants is one of the most beautiful found here.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board has been convened at 4 p.m. to-morrow. There are no "orders of the day" and there is no business in the notice convening the meeting that any returns of the plague in Swatow and Formosa will be submitted at the meeting. The *Agenda* is as follows:—Surveyor's report for 1896; Analyst's report for first quarter of 1897; a return showing the progress of bubonic plague in Bombay; an application for permission to erect water-closets at premises in Cochrane Street; an application for permission to erect water-closets in new Offices on Marine Lot 276; seventeen applications for the registration of public laundries; mortality returns for the weeks ended the 10th and 17th April, 1897, respectively; ninety applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep swine.

THE Police Range at Kowloon appears to be the most dangerous one, as not only are the firing stations at a lower level than the targets, but the village of Yau-mat lies behind the hill that forms the back of the butts. That bullets do go over this particular hill is clear from the fact that on Sunday last a correspondent, while walking on the ranges, found that the flagstaff on the top of the hill had been struck three times. One of the bullets was extracted and proved to be from a Mauser-Henri rifle, but the other two were too high up the staff to be easily got at. If the staff has been struck three times, and high up too, it is only reasonable to suppose that many more bullets have cleared the hill and found billets in Yau-mat or the Gardens at the back. It is certainly high time that the authorities took the matter in hand and did their best to minimise the danger as much as possible.

On the 15th instant the Shanghai Municipal Council addressed a note to Mr. R. M. Campbell (who presided over the indignation meeting held in the Model Settlement the other day to protest against the "back down" of the Council in connection with the Wheelbarrow Imbroglio) offering the use of the Council's Board Room for the special meeting of ratepayers which was to be held to-day, the 21st April. Mr. Campbell replied the following day, pointing out that the Council, through the Chairman, having declined to convene a meeting of ratepayers to determine the question at issue (though the Council stated in its letter of the 9th instant that the Chairman was prepared "to correct, at a meeting of ratepayers, the many misstatements that had been made"), the ratepayers, being desirous of having the matter at issue settled during the present month, had no alternative but to call for the meeting. He thanked the Council for its offer of the use of the Board Room, but as he felt sure the Council's room would not be large enough for the accommodation of all the ratepayers who are likely to be present, and not being prepared, without the consent of all the 95 signatories to the request for the meeting, to amend it in any respect, he was unable to accept the considerate offer of the Council.

Sir Claude MacDonald left Hongkong by the torpedo destroyer *Handy* at 9 a.m. to-day for Macao. He returns to-morrow morning and embarks in the store-ship *Humber* for Shanghai.

MOR. BIER, Vicar-Apostolic of Tibet, who has been twenty-eight years in the Far East, and Dr. Moore of Yokohama, and physicians to the French Legation in Tokio, have been created Chevaliers of the Legion of Honour.

CAPTAIN REDDIE, the new Commandant of Constabulary, has arrived at Sandakan. He was staying at Government House when the *Denabon*, Captain Branch, which arrived here the day before yesterday from Sandakan, left North Borneo.

"* If you are in doubt about the pronunciation or spelling of a word look it up in Webster's Dictionary. It is a standard work and is offered for sale at the Hongkong Telegraph office at a price that places it within reach of everybody. *Vide* advt.

A CONCERT will be given in St. Patrick's Hall this evening, in aid of St. Joseph's Church, by members of the choir, assisted by the Royal Engineers' Variety Club. The programme is a decidedly attractive one and the entertainment should result in a substantial addition to the funds of the Church.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture—"La Cid".....Ambrose Thomas
Mazurka—"Comet".....Zickoff
Selection—"La Fille de Madame Angot".....Lacocq
Waltz—"Wine, Women and Song".....Strom
Allagretto Pastoral from—"Peer Gynt".....Grieg
Selection—"Der Freyschütz".....Weber

At the Regular Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 525 E.C., last night M. E. Comp. E. C. Ray (in the absence of M. E. Comp. C. P. Chater, D. G. Supt.) attended by the D. G. Officers installed the following Principals for the ensuing year:—

M. E. Z.....M. E. Comp. G. A. Caldwell.
H.....E. Comp. D. MacDonald.
J.....E. Comp. R. Mitchell.
The M. E. Z. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—
S. E.....Comp. G. Piercy, Jr.
S. N.....W. J. Titcher.
P. S.....G. J. B. Sayer.
1st A. S.....J. Lochard,
and A. S.....G. C. Hayward.
Treas.....H. M. H. Nemara.
St.....F. M. Richardson.
Janitor.....J. Maxwell.

VICTORIA R. AND I.
We of the Western world are told to scorn
The hereditary reign and rule of Kings;
Thrones, we have learned, are medieval things,
And Princes, like ourselves, are darkly born
To fate less often halcyon than forlorn;
Great potentates, we read, are underlings
To subtle schemers, and their splendour brings
Sorrow and shame and bitter meane to scorn;
We see the woe even the ancient English crown,
Whose life has been unvarnished and unveiled,
Whose soul, like summer earth, is evergreen,
Has all our love and reverence; who shall drown
Our lyric homage that has bravely hailed
This sweet, true woman, and Imperial Queen!
—GEORGE EDGAR MONTGOMERY in
Pall Mall Magazine.

FATAL FIRE IN JERVOIS STREET.

THREE MEN SUFFOCATED.

At about 5.20 this morning the Fire Brigade turned out for a fire in Jervois Street. Under Deputy Superintendent Corcoran, the men were quickly on the scene and it was found that the outbreak had taken place in No. 99, occupied by a vendor of birds' nests. When the brigade reached the place the shop on the ground floor was one mass of flame, the light-matched wood fittings burning fiercely. The smoke was fearfully thick and the efforts of the firemen were greatly impeded thereby and for a time it was almost impossible to enter the adjoining houses. There was fortunately a plentiful supply of water and after half an hour's really hard work the flames were subdued. The staircase in the shop caught fire, but the two upper stories were saved from anything like serious damage. The shop itself and a small room at the back were entirely gutted and the windows and shutters of the upper part of the front of the building were scorched and charred.

When the firemen were able to make a search of the premises a pile of straw was discovered in the back room of the first floor, the dead bodies of three Chinamen being found there. They showed no signs of burning and it is certain that the three unfortunate lost their lives by suffocation owing to the dense smoke that was driven up the staircase. The bodies were removed to the morgue and arrangements are being made for an inquest.

Captain May, who is suffering from indisposition, was present during the latter stage of the operations. The occupants of the shop had not been found this morning and investigations were being made by Inspector Duncan and Sergeant McCauley and Holt. Nothing is known as to the origin of the fire.

LATER.
It has been discovered that the victims were the master and two *chells* of the first floor, which was used for trading in animal oil. The property on the ground floor was insured in the South British Office for \$7,000 and that in the first floor was covered in the Trans-Atlantic Office for \$2,000. An enquiry will be held to-morrow.

From latest information to hand we understand that no less than six persons have been taken in charge by the police and that to-morrow they will be formally brought before the Magistrate to answer to a serious charge.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"COROMANDEL,"
FROM LONDON, BOMBAY AND
STRAITS.
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Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be noted and marked by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., ex S.S. Himalaya.
From Italy, ex S.S. Sully.
From Australia, ex S.S. Manilla.
From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. Pashunda.
Newspapers and Assorted
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H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1897.

Hotels.

YOKOHAMA.

CLAUSEN'S HOTEL,
66, MAIN STREET, 66.
GOOD COOK, COMFORTABLE ROOMS.
MODERATE CHARGES.
C. B. CLAUSEN,
Proprietor.
Yokohama, 6th April, 1897.

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

THIS Establishment has always enjoyed a
high class reputation for Liberty in
Menu, Quality of Food and Perfection of Cuisine.
THIS REPUTATION WILL BE
MAINTAINED.
Fresh Dairy Produce, FRUIT and other
supplies are regularly imported from the United
States, Canada and Australia. BEEF from
Kobe and TURKISH from the Straits.
The WINES, SPIRITS and MALT
LIQUORS, comprising all brands in general
demand, are the best shipped to the Far East.
In addition to the BAR, GRILL and DINING
ROOMS, the upper floors are arranged so as
to provide PRIVATE ROOMS suitable for
DINING or SUPPER.
PICNIC and BATHING PARTIES supplied
with light refreshments at a moment's notice.
ICE CREAM from 1 P.M. to 11 P.M.
COLD MEAT SUPPERS from 9 to 11.30 P.M.
THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.
FREDERICK BISHOP,
Manager.
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NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.

ROTISSERIE.

MEALS A LA CARTE.

CHOPS, STEAKS, &c., &c. at any time
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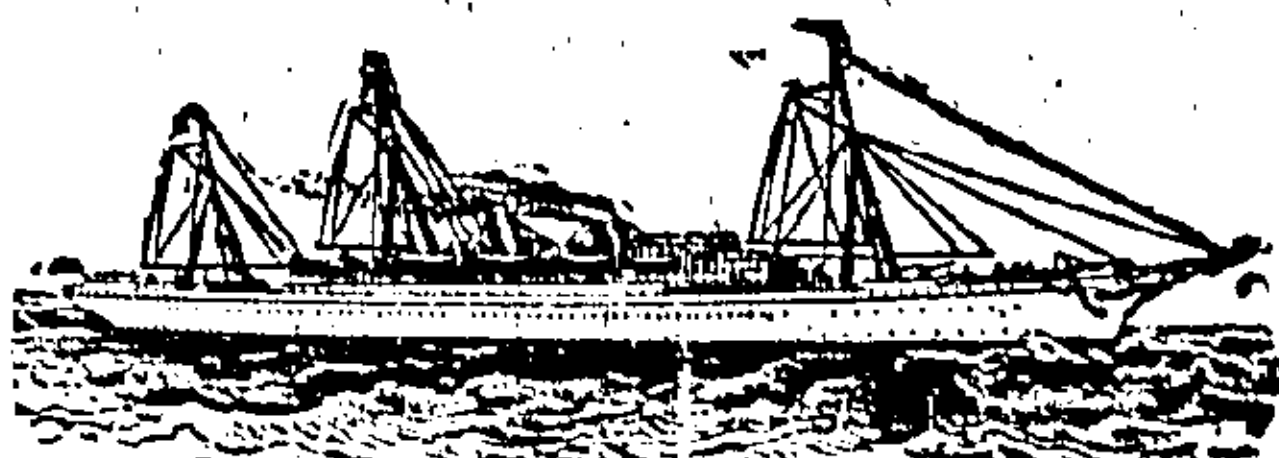
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Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

Gaile (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 29th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"BELGIC"

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, PRINCE CENTRAL.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1897.

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"THAMES,"

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&c., TO-MORROW, the 22nd April, at Noon,
taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
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of Lading.

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Mount Lebanon ... 2,410 ... Sunday ... 1st April.

Palmer ... 2,700 ... Tuesday ... 1st May.

Tacoma ... 2,540 ... Tuesday ... 1st May.

Victoria ... 3,160 ... Tuesday ... 1st June.

Olympia ... 2,608 ... Tuesday ... 1st July.

Palmer ... 2,700 ... Tuesday ... 1st July.

Tacoma ... 2,540 ... Tuesday ... 1st Aug.

THE Steamship

"MOUNT LEBANON,"

sailing at Noon, on SUNDAY, the 25th April,
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Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
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United States Ports.

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the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific
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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to
sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to

LODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 15th April, 1897.

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BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern ... Tuesday ... 12th April.

Prins Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 15th May.

Prinzess ... Tuesday ... 22nd June.

Sachsen ... Tuesday ... 30th July.

Bayern ... Tuesday ... 12th Aug.

Prins Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 14th Sept.

Prinzess ... Tuesday ... 19th Oct.

Sachsen ... Tuesday ... 9th Nov.

Bayern ... Tuesday ... 7th Dec.

Prins Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 4th Jan.

ON TUESDAY, the 9th day of April,
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"BAYERN" Captain R. Helms, with MAIL,
PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will
leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and
GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
SATURDAY, the 24th April. Cargo and Specie
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the 25th April, and Parcels will be received at
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26th April. Contents of Packages are required.
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Hongkong, 6th April, 1897.

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